

SA Open Meeting Notes – January 27, 2004

Otowi Cafeteria – 2:00-3:00

SA Officers Present:

Omar Wooten (Vice Chair)

Leah Sandoval (Treasurer)

Liz Ramirez (Secretary)

Kim McCormick

January 27, 2004

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | Omar |
| 2. Budget Review | Leah |
| 3. Debrief on SA Executive Meetings | Liz |
| a. Who is in Charge of different committees? | |
| b. Round Robin Updates? | |
| 4. Current Yearly Events | |
| a. Breakfasts | Leah |
| b. A/B Friday Events | Omar |
| c. GRA Update | Omar |
| d. SNSV | Liz |
| 5. Summer Preparation | |
| a. Onsite Tours | Leah |
| b. Offsite Tours | Omar |
| c. Breakfasts | Leah |
| d. Elections | Omar |
| e. GRA Update | Omar |
| f. Student Picnic | Kim |
| 6. Planning/Improving Ideas | ALL |
| 7. Los Alamos County Council Meeting | Omar |
| a. Questionnaire | |
| 8. Website Update | Kim |
| a. Forum | |
| b. Housing | |
| 9. Open Discussion | ALL |

Budget Review

- Leah presented the budget review to the group explaining that SA does have money this year and what SA plans is to spend it on.

Debrief on SA Executive Meetings

- Liz gave overview of the agenda which contain information on what each officer are currently doing on the committees.

Current Yearly Events

Breakfast

- Leah informed the group that for the past two summers different divisions around the lab have been sponsoring breakfast for students in the summer. This is SA's first year to hold year-round breakfast. Leah is currently working with the Bradbury Science Museum to see if they would be interested in holding a breakfast with Ombuds this year. More information about breakfast will be sent out to students on the student information list serv.

A/B Friday Events

- Omar has been organizing bowling trips for students on his B Friday off.
- Omar has arranged for an event down at the ice skating rink.
- Since Omar is on the B schedule he is looking for a student volunteer who would be willing to get activities going for students on A schedule. Please contact Omar if you know of any volunteers.
- Omar has also requested money from the SA budget to fund an A/B Friday event either as a summer kick-off or summer wrap-up.

GRA Update

- This Thursday Omar has set up a meeting for the GRA students to meet with Mary Ann With who is the Post Doc program coordinator. Mary Ann will be talking about what is looked for in a successful application to the post doc program. All students (UGS and GRA's) are invited to attend.

SN, SV

- Student News, Student Views is a newsletter that is put out bi-weekly in the summer and monthly there after. If students have any events that are with LANL or within the community they are able to submit the information to be posted in the letter which is sent out to student's lab wide. Liz is also open for suggestions on how the letter can be improved to make more interesting to the student population.

Summer Preparation

Onsite Tours

- Leah is planning onsite tours for this year. She has looked into tours at LANSCE and the FWO waste facility. Leah would like to get feedback on what other areas of the lab would be appealing to students.

Offsite Tours

- Omar is putting together a tour to the Trinity Site. Trinity Site is the place where the first nuclear weapon that LANL built was detonated. The tour will take place in either April or May and the site will be opened up specially for LANL students.
- Omar is also putting together another offsite tour. He was thinking about Bandelier but is open to suggestions of other places that would be of interest to students.
- Some suggestions that were given at the meeting...
- Get a group together to go to Santa Fe to explore the night life.

Student Picnic

- Kim explained to the group of the events that take place during the annual picnic each year such as the information booths and what type of food is going to be served.

Planning Improving Ideas

- Students are encouraged to contact the officers for any suggestions that they might have to help improve SA.
- The students were also asked to speak with other students that they know in different areas of the lab to inform them about SA and the student list serv.

Los Alamos County Council Meeting

- Omar informed the group that SA has been invited to attend an LA County Council Meeting in February. SA is going to talk about how the county can improve student life in Los Alamos. A questionnaire has been sent out to all students requesting feedback so information can be included in presentation. SA would like to hear the student voice of what can be done to improve student life.

Website Update

Forum

- The forum is a location on the SA website that allows people LANL wide to post information such as items for sale or open housing. All students are encouraged to use the forum to improve student communication.

Housing

- A housing webpage is going to be developed for the SA website. Ideas such as a roommate search, links to Virtual Los Alamos, and the Los Alamos Monitor will be included on the page. A suggestion was given that the housing page should be very visible on the home page due to the importance of housing for students coming to Los Alamos.
- Kim also gave a brief overview of Friend Finder. Students showed concern

about posting personal information on web.

Open Discussion

- Students suggested that SA webpage should contain a “what’s cool in New Mexico/Santa Fe” site such as good places to eat, local bars and hot spots.
- How do we get information out to students quickly?
- Students who apply to lab should automatically receive a pop-up of what SA is.
- SA should form a student mentor program.
- The suggestion was made to put an article in LANL newsletter about the SA website to draw in more students who are not aware of SA.
- Group was informed about the local Ultimate Frisbee group in Los Alamos. Information of when and where the group meets will be placed on the SA calendar.
- Is there a mountain biking club in Los Alamos? If so should the information about the club be posted on the website?
- Students gave suggestion to have a summer kick-off party at the Posse Shack on North Mesa. Students feel that if the party is advertised well that it will be very successful. Nina also volunteered to have a couple of student parties at her house. She is going to do research on rental information and will report back to the group at a later date.